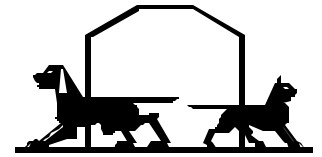




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## *Poison Prevention*

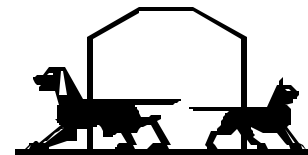
- **Be aware of the** plants you have in your home and yard. The ingestion of azalea, oleander, castor bean, sago palm, Easter lily or yew plant material by an animal can be fatal.
- **Never allow your pets to** have access to the areas in which cleaning agents are being used or stored. Cleaning agents have a variety of properties; some may only cause mild stomach upset, but others can cause severe burns of the tongue, mouth and stomach. Store all cleaners, pesticides, and medications in a secured area above the counter.
- **When using rat, mouse, snail or slug baits, or ant or roach traps,** place the products in areas inaccessible to animals. Most baits contain ingredients that can attract your pets.
- **Never give your companion animals medication unless** you are directed to do so by a veterinarian. Many medications that are safe for humans can be deadly for animals. For example, one extra strength (500mg) acetaminophen tablet could be fatal to a cat.
- **Keep all prescription and over-the-counter drugs out of** your pets' reach, preferably in closed cabinets above the counter. Pain killers, cold medicines, anti-cancer drugs, antidepressants, vitamins and diet pills are all examples of human medications that can be lethal to animals, even in small doses. For example, one 200mg ibuprofen tablet could cause stomach ulcers in a small dog.
- **Never leave chocolate unattended.**
- **Many common household items can be lethal to animals.** Mothballs, potpourri oils, coffee grounds, homemade play dough, fabric softener sheets, dishwashing detergent, batteries, cigarettes, alcoholic drinks and hand and foot warmers are potentially toxic.
- **Automotive products such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze should be stored in areas that are inaccessible to your pets.** As little as one teaspoon of antifreeze can be deadly to a cat; less than one tablespoon can be lethal to a 20 pound dog.
- **Before buying a flea product,** consult your veterinarian, especially when treating sick, debilitated or pregnant pets.
- **Read all of the information on the label before using a product on your pet or in your home.** Always follow the directions.
- **If a product is for use only on dogs, it should never be used on cats; if a product is for use only on cats, it should never be used on dogs.**
- **Make sure your companion animals do not enter areas in which insecticide foggers or house sprays have been applied for the period of time indicated on the label.**
- **Make sure your pets do not go on lawns or in gardens treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides until they have dried completely.** Always store such products in areas that are inaccessible to your companion animals.
- **If you are uncertain about the proper usage of any product, contact the manufacturer and/or your veterinarian for instructions.**

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### Plants Toxic to Cats & Dogs

- Aloe Vera
- Amaryllis
- Apple (seeds)
- Apple Leaf Croton
- Apricot (pit)
- Asparagus Fern
- Autumn Crocus
- Avocado (fruit and pit)
- Azalea
- Baby's Breath
- Bird of Paradise
- Bittersweet
- Branching Ivy
- Buckeye
- Buddhist Pine
- Caladium
- Calla Lily
- Castor Bean
- Ceriman
- Charming Dieffenbachia
- Cherry (seeds and wilting leaves)
- Chinese Evergreen
- Christmas Rose
- Cineraria
- Clematis
- Cordatum
- Corn Plant
- Cornstalk Plant
- Croton
- Cuban Laurel
- Cutleaf Philodendron
- Cycads
- Cyclamen
- Daffodil
- Devil's Ivy
- Dieffenbachia
- Dracaena Palm
- Dragon Tree
- Dumb Cane
- Easter Lily (especially in cats!!!!)
- Elaine
- Elephant Ears
- Emerald Feather
- English Ivy
- Fiddle-leaf fig
- Florida Beauty
- Foxglove
- Fruit Salad Plant
- Geranium
- German Ivy
- Giant Dumb Cane
- Glacier Ivy
- Gold Dieffenbachia
- Gold Dust Dracaena
- Golden Pothos
- Hahn's Self-Branching Ivy
- Heartland Philodendron
- Hurricane Plant
- Indian Rubber Plant
- Janet Craig Dracaena
- Japanese Show Lily (especially cats !!!)
- Jerusalem Cherry
- Kalanchoe
- Lacy Tree Philodendron
- Lily of the Valley
- Madagascar Dragon Tree
- Marble Queen
- Marijuana
- Mexican Breadfruit
- Miniature Croton
- Mistletoe
- Morning Glory
- Mother-in Law's Tongue
- Narcissus
- Needlepoint Ivy
- Nephytis
- Nightshade
- Oleander
- Onion
- Oriental Lily (especially in cats!!!)
- Peace Lily
- Peach (wilting leaves and pits)
- Pencil Cactus
- Plumosa Fern
- Poinsettia (low toxicity)
- Poison Ivy
- Poison Oak
- Pothos
- Precatory Bean
- Primrose
- Red Emerald
- Red Princess
- Red-Margined Dracaena
- Rhododendron
- Ribbon Plant
- Saddle Leaf Philodendron
- Sago Palm
- Satin Pothos
- Schefflera
- Silver Pothos
- Spotted Dumb Cane
- String of Pearls
- Striped Dracaena
- Sweetheart Ivy
- Swiss Cheese Plant
- Taro Vine
- Tiger Lily (especially cats!!!)

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#### ***Pets Rule!*** **Pet Facts, Helpful Tips & Fictions**

*“Canine Gross-out guide: The more disgusting it looks, the more fun it is to eat in front of humans.”*

*Bob Lovka*

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